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In response to the office Action of November 27, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

data processing means for creating and/or editing data using application software;

input/output means for inputing or outputting data using a data input/output device;

calculation means for separately calculating a use charge of the data input/output

device and a use charge of the application software.

4. (Amended) A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

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